

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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DEATH OF INDIANS IN FOREIGN JAILS
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures taken by the Government, at present, to bring the dead bodies of those Indian Nationals who die in the jails in foreign countries;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to bring the dead bodies of such Indian Nationals free of cost in future;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (d): The Government is implementing a mandatory insurance scheme called Pravasi Bhartiya Bima Yojana for emigrant workers since 2003. Under this scheme inter alia transportation of mortal remains of the insured worker in case of an unfortunate death is covered along with airfare of an attendant. Besides, the Government has established an Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) in 42 Countries at disposal of the heads of Indian Missions. The list of these 42 countries is enclosed at Annexure. Mortal remains of a destitute Indian can be transported to India by booking the expenditure under the ICWF. Further, the Indian Missions can also incur expenditure under the provisions of the consular manual for transportation of mortal remains of Indian nationals in exceptional cases.